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Mike McGinn
 Mayor, City of Seattle

Tom Rasmussen
 Transportation Committee Chair, Seattle City Council

Peter Hahn
 Director, Seattle Department of Transportation

Dear Mayor McGinn, Councilmember Rasmussen, and Director Hahn:

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) and Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (SPAB) are writing to request action regarding the traffic study funded by Chris Hansen and conducted by Parametrix for the proposed basketball/hockey arena in SODO.

In keeping with the City of Seattle's *Walk Bike Ride* initiative – “giving people better transit choices and safer routes for walking and biking” – we believe that the City of Seattle should request and ensure that the study include all impacts, benefits, and enhancements for bicyclists and pedestrians.

We request that the traffic study include:

- An analysis of impacts to existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Potential facility enhancements to promote walking and bicycling to and through the SODO area for non-event and event days, including:
 - sufficient bicycle parking
 - shelter, resting, and gathering areas in the pedestrian zone
 - pedestrian and bicycle safety and security enhancements
 - clear, signed, and fully accommodating connections to transit stops
 - safe, separated bicycle facilities, where possible

SBAB and SPAB believe that this is a great opportunity to ensure that all roadway users and modes for this project be given equal value and evaluation using current and future Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans and current City of Seattle Complete Street programs. Importantly, and not coincidentally, better pedestrian and bicycle facilities offer the ability to help reduce traffic congestion in this area.

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

-City Council
 Resolution 25534

We would be happy to assist these efforts in any way. Thank you for your attention and action on this matter.

Sincerely,

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